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FOR ARA - JOHN KING

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED FIRING ON TUNA BOAT CONQUISTADOR

REF: GUAYAQUIL 1894

1. THERE FOLLOWS IN TRANSLATION THE TEXT OF THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN GUAYAQUIL'S EL TELEGRAFO OF ECUADOREAN NAVY DENIAL OF FIRING ON TUNA BOAT CONQUISTADOR.

2. QUOTE YESTERDAY MORNING CDR. ARNOLDO NARANJO, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE 1ST NAVAL ZONE, SAID THAT THE WIRE SERVICE STORY WAS ENTIRELY UNTRUE.

3. IN THAT AREA AND ON THOSE DATES THERE WAS NO ECUADOREAN PATROL BOAT AND FOR THAT REASON ALL OF THIS ARGUMENT IS FALSE, CONTINUED CDR. NARANJO.

4. POSSIBLY THE ROCKET SIGNALS FIRED BY THE CHILEAN BOAT GOLFO DE ARAUCA WHICH HAS BEEN LOST SINCE THE 28TH OF NOV. IN PERUVIAN WATERS AND WHICH WAS PULLED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CURRENT INTO ECUADOREAN JURISDICTIONAL WATERS GAVE RISE

TO THE FEARS EXPRESSED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE CONQUIS-
TADOR, DARYL DURAN, ADDED CDR. NARANJO.

5. THE ARAUCA WAS LOCATED BY ONE OF THE SMALL AIR-
CARFT OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVY LAST SUNDAY, AND MONDAY
MORNING THE TUG BOAT SANGAY SET FORTH TO ASSIST
THE CHILEAN BOAT WHICH HAD BEEN DRIFTING BECAUSE OF
DAMAGE TO ITS ENGINES.

6. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN AN ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATION
OF THESE SIGNALS, AFFIRMED CDR. NARANJO, AND IT IS FOR
THIS REASON THAT THE NAVAL ZONE HQS. HAS NOT RECEIVED
ANY NEWS ABOUT THE INCIDENTS MENTIONED IN THE ASSOCIATED
PRESS CABLE.

7. CDR. NARANJO CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE GOLFO
DE ARAUCA IS TO ARRIVE THIS VERY EVENING
(DEC. 18) AT SALINAS HAVING BEEN TUGGED IN BY THE
SANGAY. END QUOTE.
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